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REFUNDING PLAN.

The Provisions of the Ordinance Explained by Col. Horkheimer.

THE ADVANTAGES TO THE CITY.

FULLY SET FORTH—COMPREHENSIVE STATEMENT OF THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE. BIG SAVING OF INTEREST—THE PRACTICAL BUSINESS SIDE OF IT—WILL PROVE POPULAR WITH THE PUBLIC WHEN PUT TO A VOTE—CHANCE FOR MEN OF SMALL MEANS.

The agreement of the committee on the refunding ordinance has met with general public approval, and there is little doubt of its submission by council and adoption by the people. The plan has been a popular one from the start with those who understand it, and in all probability it will receive more than the three-fifths majority of the popular vote needed for its adoption. There are many citizens, however, who have given the matter little thought, and are unfamiliar with the details of the plan of refunding the city debt, while there are a few who have the impression that the proposed action is in the nature of making a new loan, or an increase of the public debt. Such is not the case. The debt will not be increased a dollar, but on the contrary is in the nature of lessening the burden and of saving a large sum annually in interest.

With a view of obtaining a simple explanation of the plan, and the advantage the refunding scheme will be to the community, for the benefit of the class of citizens, as well as those who will not take the trouble to study carefully the text of the ordinance, copies of which will be distributed in the city, an intelligent reporter sought an interview with Chairman Horkheimer, of the finance committee, who has been very active in the advocacy of the proposition. On being congratulated on the successful career of the ordinance so far, Col. Horkheimer replied:

"Yes, I am rather glad it has passed the committee, and I dare say the entire committee on refunding will be contented with their doings, in view of the fact that the ordinance or bill read to them seemed to think well enough of it to adopt it and recommend it to council without any further changes. Still, after all, it does not require a brainy man to see this—that borrowing money at a lesser rate of interest can only be to the advantage of the borrower, and that is about what we are trying to do. You see it does not require very much brain to know that if you have bonds to meet and you have not the money to meet them with you simply have to raise new bonds, and if you can borrow cheaper than you have in the past, why not do it? The city is just the same as an individual. She has to do the best she can.

"Personally, I do not think the Republicans are entitled to any more credit on this measure than the Democrats, because of the fact that there is no politics in it, and had the time been ripe when they were in office they would certainly have seen just as well as we do now, the necessity of this refunding; but you see they could not do it then because having expired the ten years' limit. As you will notice, we are laying some away for 1900, and this we do so as not to have two elections, and put the city to an additional expense of another vote. This is nothing more nor less than a fair business proposition, and politics can certainly cut no swath.

"As to the commissioners, they were simply picked out as suggested by members of the committee with the view of getting young men who are known in the precise city as men of sterling integrity and business ability, regardless of politics. It cannot matter who is commissioner, as you will notice the earnings are very limited, and no bank can have very much earning out of it, from the fact that we do not, as in the past, issue bonds and compel the city to pay them to the commissioner a month ahead, and have the money lying around. This ordinance provides payment five days previous to the maturity of the bond."

"Does this do away with all other commissions?" asked the reporter.

"Yes, it will do away with all the other commissions because there will be no loan," said the colonel, "and the second series, (bridge bonds), which we cannot take up owing to the mistake council seems to have made at the time giving us no privilege of retiring them, as there were only a few of them, I think but \$65,500 in all. You will notice that we do not increase the city's indebtedness one shilling, but simply refund it to the precise debt of the city as it stands. Some of those outstanding certificates stayed back quite awhile, and the city is paying six and one-half per cent on them all, and unless you increase taxation you could not possibly take them up. It simply leaves the exact amount of the present indebtedness, not adding thereto one cent."

"Of course this all means greater economy?"

"Yes, that is another feature of the ordinance. We will not be obliged under any conditions to increase taxation. We are simply safe on the basis that we retire them because we are now paying nearly \$7,000 annually, and the city's debt is simply maturing faster than we can take care of it. We will certainly be better able to pay ten years from now \$25,000 annually, particularly since we are paying less interest, and with the increase of valuation on the city property and improvements that we will be able to make, and the increase of population, it will be a good deal easier. Instead of forcing the payment of the city's debt on the community it is here we make our posterity take care of a little of it. You must bear in mind that we gave them a stone bridge, good paved streets, gas works and water works, and I should judge they will have value received in consideration of what the people in the last ten years have done for them."

"What are some of the advantages outside of those you have mentioned?"

"I have no hesitancy in saying that the 4 per cent bonds will bring a premium," replied the colonel, "From what I have learned from the city's officers they have a great many inquiries for them. This should at least do one thing, if nothing more, namely, stop some of the fighting that has been continually going on among the wards, laying a little piece of street one place and then another, instead of finishing the street completely and then take up some other spot and finishing it. In stopping the payment of the bonds these few years (because in ten years you will commence paying again) it ought to give us enough money to repair some of our old streets. They will go to destruction as fast as we are building new ones unless something is

done toward repairing them. We need a sewerage system, and something in that channel ought to be done."

"What was the purpose of making the first series of bonds all of one denomination, Colonel?" The reason the colonel gave will meet with general approval. He said:

"Our purpose in making the first series of \$21,000 all \$100 bonds was that we felt that they ought to be put within the reach of the poorer class of people. Not every one can afford to buy a \$1,000 bond, or even a \$500 bond, and yet here is a four per cent investment exempt from city taxes, which will give a man with \$100, or even \$200, an opportunity of buying it, I should judge at par, because no one will give a premium for a small bond, and they only run ten years."

"Ten years is as long as the average poor man will want to invest, because he can always get his money back as long as he wants to invest it."

"We made a little alteration in the getting up of the bond in the way of making each and every one of the commissioners countersign all of the bonds for the safety of the purchaser in getting the original bond, and likewise the safety of the city. No bond shall be considered genuine unless it is countersigned by each and every one of the commissioners."

"Do you expect any serious objection on the part of the public?"

"We have not the least fear that the ordinance will fail to get the necessary three-fifths majority, because it is in the city's interests and the people will so regard it."

"And there is, of course, no doubt the confidence of investors in the bonds," interjected the reporter.

"Not a bit," said Colonel Horkheimer. "The ordinance is carefully drawn."

"A great deal of credit belongs to Mr. Nesbitt, city solicitor, who worked very hard in the formulation of this ordinance. The committee thought best, before presenting it to council, to have it passed upon. The city solicitor would naturally be supposed to be working only in the interest of the city, and we therefore submitted it to Mr. Henry M. Russell, who passed upon the legality of it, and the purchaser has the sure knowledge that he is safe when he buys one of these bonds. We have guarded against any flaw being picked after the ordinance is voted on. The manner provided for the payment of the bonds is fixed by act of legislature, and we have arranged it as the statute provides. Of course the city does not now live up to the letter of the law, because we usually pay everything out of one fund, and simply appropriate out of this general fund for the payment of these bonds, which are provided for first."

"One of our main reasons why we made them payable December 1 is because the city's moneys and taxes are collected in October and November. The city is a borrower mostly during the other period of the year, and by this means we have no money to deposit, and will simply apply it to the payment of the bonds on December 1, and thus save any loss of interest that we would otherwise have."

"If you newspaper men will take the ordinance as it will appear and look it over we feel that we will have your co-operation, and good results must come from it. The election is to be held in the very near future. While there is no fixed date in the ordinance we think council will perhaps have a special meeting as soon as possible and expedite the matter by fixing a date for the election."

SAVING OF INTEREST.

What Is Gained in This Respect by Refunding the Debt.

In regard to the amount of interest the city will save by the adoption of the refunding ordinance, City Receiver Forger, stated last night to the Intelligencer that the annual saving will be \$4,554. The amount of interest the city will have to pay in 1898, for instance, on the loans to be refunded (\$412,500), if the new loan is not adopted, will be \$20,856. The interest on the same loans, if refunded, will be in 1898 \$16,302.

That portion of the city's debt which cannot be immediately refunded, it falling due in 1900, is \$30,500 of the first series of the Main street bridge bonds, bearing interest of six per cent, and \$82,000 of the common bonds of 1890, bearing 3 per cent interest. It is deemed best to loan them to mature, as they already bear a small interest.

Goes to the Highest Bidder.

LONDON, Oct. 5.—The sensational report, published this morning under reserve, by the Daily Chronicle of this city, that a London syndicate has sent the United States government, through Consul General Osborne, an offer to purchase the Union Pacific railroad, was based on fact. At the request of an Englishman, whose name is not divulged, the consul general's attorney cabled to Attorney General McKenna asking whether the road could be purchased by an Englishman. The attorney general replied that it would be sold to the highest bidder, irrespective of nationality. The affair is not regarded seriously here by financiers.

Rev. Potter's Suit Dismissed.

NEW YORK, Oct. 5.—The suit of Rev. Daniel Potter against John D. Rockefeller for \$250,000 damages for libel was dismissed by Judge Gildersleeve in the supreme court when it came up to-day. The case has been up several times. Each time an adjournment was asked for and granted. To-day when Dr. Potter's lawyers asked for a continuance the defense protested that there had been too many adjournments. Judge Gildersleeve intimated that he would entertain a motion to dismiss if made by the lawyers for the defense and this was done.

Dr. Potter declared that he would at once have the case reopened. This can be done on payment of costs.

Cardinal Newman's Brother Dead.

LONDON, Oct. 5.—Prof. Francis William Newman, the author and philosopher, is dead, aged 83 years. He was a younger brother of the late Cardinal Newman.

Sent His Farewell to Weyler.

HAVANA, Oct. 5.—The retiring minister for the colonies, Senor Castellanos, sent an official cable message yesterday to Captain General Weyler, notifying him of the formation of a new cabinet under the presidency of Senor Sagasta and bidding farewell to the Spanish authorities, clergy, army, volunteers and loyal inhabitants of Cuba. Senor Castellanos also requested the authorities to continue depending upon the new ministry to continue at their posts and to do everything possible to be of service to the new government of Spain.

Train Robbers Hounded Up.

FARGO, N. D., Oct. 5.—Officers have rounded up all the men implicated in the recent Northern Pacific passenger train holdup near Moorhead and will gather them in Thursday. All the men wanted are under surveillance. Confessions extorted from a woman by the sweat box process gave the officers the information needed.

AMUSEMENTS.

In the expressive language of street parlance, "The Last of His Race" by Creston Clarke, at the Opera House last night, was out of sight. It is chuck full of romance and dramatically it is intensely so, enhanced considerably by some of the most gorgeous and costly costumes ever worn by an actor. The scenery was exceptionally fine, some of it foreign and picturesque to a remarkable degree, and the play and cast of characters were charming and entrancing. The scenes of action were located in Russia and St. Jean Brittany. It was a romance wherein Prince Okoleki, the father of a son and also the father of an illegitimate son, exchanging of sons in infancy, love, nobility, insanity and dark plots, each in their respective parts taking a most important part. So much so that when the curtain was rung down at the close of each act, it seemed like hours before the next act was on, when in reality it was a few minutes. It appeared so real that the audience was on the qui vive throughout the entire performance.

To-night Mr. Clarke will present "The Lady of Lyons," which, by the way, is another record breaker in the play line.

"FALLEN AMONG THIEVES."

An exceptionally strong dramatic company has been selected by Thomas H. Davis and William T. Keogh for Frank Harvey's latest melodrama, "Fallen Among Thieves," which they have produced this season in an elaborate manner. While possessing an absorbingly interesting story, and also a powerful plot, it abounds also in comedy and sensational incidents. The scenic outfit is especially fine, and exhibits picturesque scenes of spectacular splendor. "Fallen Among Thieves" will be presented for the first time in this city at the Opera House next Monday, October 11.

ANT'S MONARCHS.

A sterling attraction is being offered at the Grand for three nights and matinees, commencing Thursday evening, at which date "Mlle Ant's Monarchs," makes its first appearance here. It is heralded by the press in terms which leave no room for doubt as to its being one of the greatest vaudeville organizations travelling on this continent. Not only has Manager Hill got his book for the season closed, but most of his 1898-99 dates are taken. The personnel of the company speaks for itself. Mlle Ant had an European reputation as a trap artist before Gus Hill brought her to America with her sister Ina, to make a success of the "New York Stars," and at the same time make a name for herself in the Western hemisphere.

LIKE SUNSHINE AFTER RAIN.

"Other People's Money" is one of those pure, cleanly, decent things that follow "horse" comedy and suggestive spectacular like sunshine after rain. It is a three act gem, and is presented by an exceptionally good company, which is headed by Hennessy Leroy, a clever and promising young comedian, whose enacting of the jovial but avaricious old father smacks strongly of the Bourgeois at the Opera House Friday, October 8.

"A Prodigal Father."

Manager Charles Feinster makes the unique offer of a "burkain matinee" to lady patrons of the Grand Opera house this afternoon, when 15 cents will purchase the best reserved seat in the house. A poor show is not a bargain at any price, but "A Prodigal Father" does not fail in that class. It is a merry farce, enacted by a splendid company, a conglomerate of sense and nonsense, of wit and razz, constructed solely for laughing purposes and admirably fulfilling its mission. "A Prodigal Father" is a panacea for the blues. Ladies who avail themselves of this opportunity will be especially pleased with Miss Melville as "St. Hopkins," and with the specialties of Mr. Spink and others.

MANY STRANGERS COMING.

The Railroads Offer Excursion Rates to Wheeling Next Sunday From All Towns.

Almost every railroad coming into Wheeling has advertised low round trip excursion rates on their respective lines from all points within a radius of one hundred miles for next Sunday in order to give the people of nearby towns another opportunity to hear Brooke and his famous Chicago Marine band, which comes to Wheeling park next Sunday afternoon. The band is a first class one, and town folk here heard this great organization on its last visit here, and no doubt the railroads will carry lots of excursionists again next Sunday. The band comes here from the Pittsburgh Exposition and will arrive on a special train on the Baltimore & Ohio about 10 o'clock Sunday morning. The afternoon concert will begin at 2:30 and the evening concert at 8:30 o'clock. The 2 o'clock motor and that leaving the city at 7:30 p. m. will carry the passengers direct to the Casino platform. The pretty and accomplished singer, Miss Sibley Samuels, is of course with the band and will positively appear at both concerts.

With this attraction Wheeling park will close for the summer and the public should indeed feel grateful to the association for affording this opportunity to hear the best concert and military band in America. In all the large cities this prices to hear the band ranged from 50 cents to \$1.50, but next Sunday the admission to the Casino will only be 25 cents, and there will be no charge for seats. Special motor trains will be run throughout the afternoon and evening to accommodate the crowds.

A Kentucky Political Fight.

MIDDLESBORO, Ky., Oct. 5.—A special to the Herald from Knuckle says that Jacob Howard, Republican nominee for circuit clerk of Harlan county, was killed in a political fight on Straight street. John Milton, Democratic candidate for jailer, was mortally wounded.

Opera House Oct. 7th.

The New Woman and the Old Man, by Col. George W. Bain. Full course tickets, \$1.00. Single admission tickets, 50c. No extra charge for reserved seats. Seats on sale Tuesday, October 6, at Lukens' jewelry store.

TIOSE who believe chronic diarrhoea to be incurable should read what Mr. P. E. Gisham, of Gains Mills, La., has to say on the subject, viz: "I have been a sufferer from chronic diarrhoea ever since the war and have tried all kinds of medicines for it. At last I found a remedy that effected a cure, and that was Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. This medicine can always be depended upon for colic, cholera morbus, dysentery and diarrhoea. It is pleasant to take and never fails to effect a cure in 24 and 48 cent sizes for sale by druggists."

"BLOODHOUND BLOOD BITTERS" entirely cured me of a terrible breaking out all over my body. It is a wonderful medicine." Miss Julia Eldridge, Box 35, West Cornwall, Conn.

LOCAL BRIEVITIES.

Matters of Minor Moment in and About the City.

Those who are invited to take part in the "War Concert" will meet at 1622 Main street, this evening.

W. P. Robinson, attorney for the plaintiffs in the World Mutual Benefit Association case, says he will probably ask for a receiver.

The ladies of the St. Luke's church have secured the famous Horn Journal collection of pictures and are making elaborate preparations for their exhibition at an early date.

A warrant was sworn out in Squire Fitzpatrick's court yesterday, for Thomas Manion, of Seventeenth street. He is charged with not being of good fame, and the charge is preferred by his mother.

United States Civil Service Commission will hold an examination by its local board in this city, Saturday, December 4, 1897, commencing at 9 a. m., for the grade of clerk and carrier in the postal service.

It was reported in Benwood last night that John Fortney, a former employee of the Riverside steel works, was killed in a wreck on the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad, Monday, near Ashland, Ky. He was well known in Benwood, and left that town about two years ago. He was working on the railroad.

Wellburg can now boast of a daily paper. It is issued from the office of the old and well established weekly, the Wellburg Herald, and of course is Republican in politics. It is understood that Samuel Jacob, son of J. G. Jacob, and late proof reader in the government printing office, will be the editor.

ABOUT PEOPLE.

Strangers in the City and Wheeling Folks Abroad.

R. F. Mahan, of Charleston, is at the McLure.

B. F. Ramage, of Fairmont, yesterday registered at the McLure.

T. B. Rogers, of Moundville, was in the city on business yesterday.

Dr. James R. Stathers, of Sistersville, is in the city, registered at the McLure.

Mrs. Joseph B. Neal and Mrs. Bradenbaugh, of Parkersburg, are guests of the Windsor.

A. M. Ridgely, of Washington, Pa., formerly of West Liberty, was in the city last night.

F. D. Wood, of Morgantown, and James McCaskey, of New Martinsville, are registered at the Stium.

Rev. J. H. Littell, pastor of the First Church of this city, left yesterday for New Concord, Ohio, to attend the U. T. synod.

Lee Dobbs, of the South Side, left Monday morning for Morgantown, where he was enrolled in the state university.

New Dowler, the produce man, and Harry C. Stewart, the drug man, spent yesterday at Woodland, down the river, blazing away at squirrels. Fortunately, they were able to buy a few which they brought home.

Hon. N. B. Scott and Mrs. Scott have returned from Europe and spent Saturday and Sunday in New York.

The New York Herald of Sunday contains the following personal item: Former President Benjamin Harrison and Mr. N. B. Scott, Republican national committee man from West Virginia, were guests of Mr. F. W. Peck, of Chicago, in a box at Daly's Theatre, last evening.

LANGTRY'S FORMER HUSBAND

In an Insane Asylum—Sudden Breakdown is Unaccountable.

LONDON, Oct. 5.—The condition of Edward Langtry, the former husband of Lily Langtry, the actress, is the same this morning as when he was admitted yesterday into the asylum for the insane. The sudden breakdown of Langtry's health is strange and unexplained up to the present. He has always enjoyed the best physical health, was an ardent sportsman, lived a great deal out of doors and was temperate in his habits. Langtry was traveling last Sunday from Cork to London. At Grevo, the great railroad junction, twenty-one miles southeast of Chester, he wandered from his train and was twice found in dangerous positions on the rails. He appeared to be dazed and his face was disfigured.

He accounted for his wounds by saying that in crossing the Irish channel he had fallen down a companion ladder and badly injured himself. It is supposed that Langtry wandered about all night, for he was discovered in a cab yard on Monday morning. The unfortunate man was then delirious and much worse than on the previous day. During the afternoon yesterday Langtry was taken before a magistrate and was committed to an asylum for the insane pending inquiry into his mental condition.

O. C. GENTHER'S Great Auction Sale of Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, Fancy Goods, &c., commences Thursday afternoon, October 7, at 1069 Main street. Auction every afternoon and evening until the big stock is sold.

W. H. HALLET, Auctioneer. sec2-w

By virtue of a deed of trust made by John R. Loomis and Mary Loomis his wife, to me as trustee, dated May 15, 1896, recorded in the office of the clerk of the county court of Ohio county, West Virginia, in deed of trust book No. 45 page 40, I will sell at the north front door of the court house of Ohio county, on SATURDAY, THE 9TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1897,

commencing at 10 o'clock a. m., the following described property, that is to say: A certain piece or parcel of land situated in the city of Wheeling, Ohio county, West Virginia, and being lot numbered twenty-three (23) in Churchill addition numbered thirty-one in the city of Wheeling.

TERMS OF SALE—One-third and as much more of the purchase money as the purchaser elects to pay, in cash on the day of sale, the balance in two equal installments at one and two years, notes bearing interest from the day of sale to be given for the deferred payments.

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VIM AND VICTORY

How William the Conqueror Won the Throne of England—Great Achievements Due to Clear Heads and Strong Nerves—Intellectual and Physical Giants made by Dr. Greene's Nervura.

In a recent sermon a leading New York clergyman declared:

"There is a sense in which might rules the world, not the might of barbarous battle, but the might of arm and strength of manhood serving the ends of a high and noble purpose."

It was the invincible might of William the Conqueror at Senlac, heaving his way almost alone to victory and the throne of England. It was the strength of the mighty physical manhood of Grant that crushed the rebellion, and that enabled him even in his death agonies to draw his pen, now mightier than the sword, and snatch from the jaws of death the crowning victory of his matchless career.

For the mind and will of man to reign supreme strong arms and active feet, capacious lungs, muscles of steel and nerves of whipcord are needed. If immortal power has been created in precarious health, if Demosthenes with his slight physique, and Homer and Milton in their blindness so schooled their powers as to defy an impetuous will, what might they not have done had they possessed strong bodies?

What is the matter with the American people? They are old at fifty, and are worn out just when they ought to be just in. Ten hours a day work, ten minutes for lunch, a hastily eaten dinner, so as to get to the club, the theatre, the party, until the morning hours—this is unnatural. It is suicide. We need more rest, plainer food, more outdoor exercise, and, above all, more sleep. Benjamin Franklin once said, "Six hours sleep for a man, seven for a woman and eight for a fool." I advise you to take eight. The daily record of those who die from overwork and under-rest is something appalling."

Dr. Greene's NERVURA

For the Blood and Nerves.

This graphic description of the condition and habits of the American people is fully warranted by the facts. Nothing but some powerful scientific influence can save our people from racial decay. Such a scientific agency has been discovered in Dr. Greene's Nervura, the sovereign remedy for Nerve and Blood derangements and all diseases arising therefrom. Are you exhausted in body and mind? Are you discouraged and despondent? Is it hard work to think and impossible to clearly remember? Do not be discouraged. Dr. Greene's Nervura blood and nerve remedy will bring back your strength and ambition, and enable you to march in the battle of life with the intellectual and physical giants of modern time.

Dr. Greene's Nervura is sold by all druggists. If you do not understand your condition, or are worried about your case, Dr. Greene invites you to write him at 35 West 14th St., New York City, and you will receive the best medical advice free of charge.

TRUSTEE'S SALE.

By virtue of a deed of trust made by James K. Polk and Vinnie B. Polk his wife, to me as trustee, dated April 11, 1891, recorded in the office of the clerk of the county court of Ohio county, West Virginia, in deed of trust book No. 22 page 1, I will sell at the north front door of the court house of Ohio county, on SATURDAY, THE 9TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1897,